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Environmental Portfolio Standard
Docket No. RE-00000C-00-0377

Dear Marc,

I am writing to support the addition of Biomass energy production to the Environmental Portfolio Standard (EPS).

Chino Valley enjoys a panoramic view that allows our residents to see communities miles away. To our North is Williams and to our South is Prescott. Both of our sister communities are in danger from forest wildfires that would devastate them. When controlled burns take place, our residents are sometimes impacted by the smoke generated from them – to speak nothing of the unplanned fires they we have been subjected to in recent years. The use of Biomass in energy production, would create energy, utilize the waste from timber thinning and eliminate the hazards that come with controlled burns of the slash piles. And yes, there is another benefit: Jobs.

In order to accomplish this, it would be necessary to extend the EPS expiration date beyond 2012, allow for longer than 10 year contracts for Power Purchase Agreements, and make part of the 1.1% energy production dedicated to Biomass. These modifications to the existing EPS would allow for the market to invest in the necessary infrastructure to not only be competitive, but provide for a return on that investment.

By approving the addition of Biomass energy production, I believe that our communities will inevitably feel that forest clean-up will be completed and our economies will benefit.

Sincerely,

Karen Fann, Mayor

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